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SUMMARY OF CONCLUSIONS OF THE ORGANIZATIONAL COMMITTEE AT ITS ORGANIZATIONAL SESSION

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INTRODUCTION

1. The Organizational Committee (OC) of the Administrative Committee on Coordination (ACC) met at United Nations Headquarters from 8 to 12 February 1993. The Committee adopted an annotated agenda for the meeting (see annex I). The list of participants is contained in annex II to the present document.

2. OC discussed issues relating to the review of the subsidiary machinery of ACC; initiated preparations for the first regular session of 1993 of ACC; considered arrangements for the finalization of the overview report of ACC for 1992; and took up a number of other matters related to its agenda. A summary of the discussions and conclusions under the various agenda items is set out below.

I. ISSUES ARISING FROM THE SECRETARY-GENERAL'S LETTER OF 23 DECEMBER 1992 ON THE REVIEW OF THE FUNCTIONING OF THE ACC MACHINERY

3. OC was informed of the responses of executive heads to the Secretary-General's letter of 23 December 1992, outlining measures for the streamlining of ACC subsidiary machinery. OC noted that executive heads had generally welcomed the Secretary-General's initiative and the approaches set out in his letter.

A. General approaches

4. In addressing issues arising from the Secretary-General's letter, OC first considered some general principles and criteria which were implicit in the Secretary-General's proposals and which should be applied in the streamlining of the ACC machinery. First, the role and functions of ACC itself should be kept in view in determining the nature and functions of its subsidiary bodies, whose purpose was to support ACC and assist it in fulfilling its coordination functions.

5. The Committee considered that ACC should be supported to that end by a limited number of standing subsidiary bodies or main committees. Those bodies should have clearly defined terms of reference and should not be burdened with additional, unrelated tasks. They should also have the option of convening task-oriented, time-bound working groups to assist them in addressing specialized subjects within their mandate.

6. The main committees - the Consultative Committees and the new Inter-agency Committee on Sustainable Development - should be responsible for handling broad sectors of the work of the system. The establishment and functioning of any other committees or ad hoc arrangements should be closely supervised by OC, which should also monitor the work programmes of the standing bodies to ensure complementarity and avoid duplication.

7. The Committee felt that the main consideration that should underlie decisions on whether any given subsidiary body was to be retained as part of the ACC machinery should be the relevance of its work, including both advisory and networking functions, to that of ACC itself or the main committee to which it would report. To the extent possible, and without prejudice to the responsibilities of OC for the monitoring and management of the overall work programme of the ACC machinery, all subsidiary bodies should report through a main committee, that is, through the new Consultative Committee on Substantive Questions (CCSQ), the Inter-agency Committee on Sustainable Development (IACSD), the Consultative Committee on Administrative Questions (Personnel and General Administrative Questions) (CCAQ(PER)), the Consultative Committee on Administrative Questions (Financial and Budgetary Questions (CCAQ(FB)), their successor bodies, or OC itself.

8. A number of other guidelines for the functioning of the ACC machinery, recalling those contained in the report of the ACC Task Force on Environment and Development, were elaborated as follows:

(a) Subsidiary bodies should be established or reconstituted with a clause that, as a general rule, provided for their automatic expiry on a specified date. While operational, their effectiveness should be regularly reviewed to ensure that they adapted to evolving needs;

(b) Subsidiary bodies should formulate their recommendations to ACC in a succinct and action-oriented manner. Arrangements should be made to ensure that any publications or documents issued by subsidiary bodies should receive prior approval by all members;

(c) Coordination meetings should not invclve the mere exchange of information, nor should they discuss coordination in the abstract. There was a need to focus such meetings on specific problems and programmes requiring coordination among agencies. A clear agenda, along with well-prepared analytical background documentation and prior consultations, were essential to sharpen the focus of such meetings;

(d) Members of ACC should not feel obliged to participate in all its subsidiary bodies. Too broad an agenda for the meetings of such bodies and contributions of marginal relevance led to lengthy meetings and a general loss of interest on the part of participants;

(e) Collaborative mechanisms should not rely exclusively on formal meetings. Opportunities for improved cooperation and coordination by the active exchange of information and informal contacts also existed outside formal meetings. Exchange of views and inputs to reports might be conveyed more effectively by correspondence and other means.

9. Following this discussion, OC focused its attention on:

(a) Terms of reference and functioning of the new CCSQ, which merged the Consultative Committee on Substantive Questions (Operational Activities) and relevant aspects of the functions of the Consultative Committee on Substantive Questions (Programme Matters), including its relationship with IACSD and other subsidiary bodies;

(b) Procedures for the review of the subsidiary bodies listed under category 2 in the annex to the Secretary-General's letter by OC itself, the new CCSQ and IACSD.

B. Terms of reference and functions of the new Consultative Committee on Substantive Questions

10. With regard to paragraph 9 (a) above, OC agreed to transmit to the new CCSQ the following draft terms of reference, on the understanding that CCSQ itself would review them further and transmit any comments it might have to ACC for final decision at its next session.

Draft terms of reference

CCSQ will advise and assist ACC on a wide range of issues with a view to promoting complementarities and mobilizing the analytical, normative and operational capacities for economic and social development of the United Nations system in support of common goals and agreed strategies. To this end, CCSQ will in particular:

1. Ensure an ongoing dialogue regarding major strategies, approaches and issues relevant to the development activities of the United Nations system and consider modalities for the system to respond to socio-economic challenges facing the international community;

2. Consider issues related to enhancing the responsiveness of the system to national objectives and priorities, taking into account global goals and strategies; promote programme coordination and collaborative arrangements among organizations of the system around substantive priority themes; and review their progress periodically;

3. Consider and monitor progress on measures to enhance the programming, implementation and cost effectiveness of the operational activities of the United Nations system, in accordance with national plans and priorities, as well as the impact of such measures on strengthening national capacities;

4. Consider matters relating to improved cooperation and coordination of action and effective harmonization of activities at the field level;

5. Prepare recommendations and/or policy options for consideration by ACC, inter alia, in response to requests by intergovernmental bodies;

6. Recommend, where appropriate, measures for the implementation of policy guidance emanating from intergovernmental bodies and periodically review progress in this regard.

CCSQ should draw on the expertise of its member organizations to fulfil its functions and, as necessary, may convene task-oriented working groups to assist it in addressing specialized subjects within its mandate.

11. OC considered that care should be taken, in the context of the monitoring of the work programme of ACC machinery, to avoid possible duplication between the work of the new CCSQ and that of IACSD. The Chairman noted that the actual IACSD work programme would be affected by the evolution of the work of the Commission for Sustainable Development. On the other hand, the new CCSQ would retain a focus on operational activities, placing them in the broader context of the development objectives of the United Nations system.

12. Regarding the titles of the new CCSQ and the other standing committees, it was noted that uniformity of nomenclature would be desirable. OC agreed to revert to that matter at its next session, in the context of preparing final decisions by ACC on the restructuring of subsidiary machinery.

13. OC also had a preliminary exchange of views on arrangements for rotating CCSQ chairmanship and on inter-agency secretariat arrangements for the new CCSQ. Advantages and disadvantages of locating the secretariat in New York or Geneva were reviewed. It was agreed to revert to the matter at the next session. In order to facilitate the discussion, the Chairman would prepare a paper taking into account the different views expressed and covering the broader question of inter-agency secretariat support for ACC machinery, as well as related questions of procedures for appointments to inter-agency posts and their grading. Further views could be communicated to the Chairman for the preparation of the paper.

14. With regard to the programme of the first meeting of the new CCSQ, it was agreed that its agenda should include an item entitled "Coordination of humanitarian assistance: emergency relief and the continuum of rehabilitation and development". Consideration of that item would assist in preparing for the relevant discussions in ACC (see para. 30 below) and subsequent consideration by the Economic and Social Council (see paras. 35 and 36 below). In addition to discussing issues relating to its draft terms of reference (see para. 10 above) and its future work programme and methods of work, CCSQ would also be called upon to submit its views on a number of subsidiary bodies (see para. 16 below) for further consideration by OC at its next session. Furthermore, CCSQ would pursue relevant elements of the work programme of the former CCSQ (OPS), including questions relating to activities aimed at poverty alleviation, in the light of a submission by the World Bank. It would also pay particular attention to the follow-up to General Assembly resolution 47/199.

C. Reviews of subsidiary bodies by the new Consultative Committee on Substantive Questions and the Inter-agency Committee on Sustainable Development

15. With regard to the reviews of subsidiary bodies by the new CCSQ and IACSD, OC considered that such reviews should be focused on: (a) the assessment by

those Committees of their own substantive requirements in the areas covered by the bodies concerned; (b) the formulation, in that light, of views on the continuing need or otherwise for such bodies; and (c) improvements, as appropriate, in their functioning.

16. OC requested its Chairman to bring relevant observations and guidelines contained in the present report, together with the necessary background material, to the attention of the new CCSQ and IACSD, in respect of their reviews of subsidiary bodies as follows:

Consultative Committee on Substantive Questions

Subcommittee on Statistical Activities;

Ad Hoc Inter-agency Working Group on Demographic Estimates and Projections;

Ad Hoc Inter-agency Meetings on Coordination in Matters of International Drug Abuse Control.

Inter-agency Committee on Sustainable Development

Intersecretariat Group for Water Resources.

17. OC further considered that issues relating to the work of the Task Force on Rural Development would benefit from the views of both the new CCSQ and IACSD.

18. Issues relating to the work of the Subcommittee on Nutrition were taken up by OC itself in the context of item 2 of its agenda (see paragraphs 24 and 25 below). OC would revert to the matter at its next session.

D. Other issues

19. OC welcomed the procedure set forth in attachment II to the Secretary-General's letter of 23 December 1992 for dealing with subsidiary bodies. With regard to the subsidiary bodies abolished under category 1, as defined in the Secretary-General's letter, OC noted that questions relating to the least developed countries would be taken up, as appropriate, by both the new CCSQ and IACSD, and that arrangements would have to be made for monitoring and reviewing at the inter-agency level the implementation of the Programme of Action for the Least Developed Countries for the 1990s. Similar considerations applied to reviewing and monitoring the implementation of the International Development Strategy for the Fourth United Nations Development Decade. It was further decided that the meeting of the Task Force on Long-term Development Objectives originally scheduled for March 1993 should be cancelled. OC noted that subsidiary bodies on specific programme sectors referred to in category 3 would be discontinued as standing arrangements within the framework of ACC, while those in category 4, which were set up for special events, should normally operate under the aegis of OC and should in principle be discontinued once the special event had taken place.

20. With regard to the bodies listed under category 5, OC noted that its role would be limited to the receipt and collection, in due course, of information on the outcome of reviews to be conducted, as required, by the various lead organizations.

21. OC noted that a further report on the review of the functioning of ACC machinery was expected from the High-level Consultant to the Secretary-General on the role and functioning of ACC, Mr. Blanchard, covering, as indicated in the Secretary-General's letter: (a) some of the general policy issues raised in his preliminary report, (b) the mandate and methods of work of ACC itself, and (c) the functioning of the standing subsidiary machinery, with particular emphasis on outstanding issues concerning CCAQ. Members of OC expressed, on behalf of their organizations, their readiness to provide Mr. Blanchard with their views on those matters, as soon as they were contacted by him. The hope was expressed that Mr. Blanchard's submission would be received by organizations well in advance of the next OC/ACC session.

22. OCC decided to revert to the implications of the restructuring measures under consideration for its own role and functioning at its next session. The Chairman indicated that he would circulate a note on the subject to facilitate OC discussions.

II. REVIEW BY THE ORGANIZATIONAL COMMITTEE OF THE SUBSIDIARY BODIES REFERRED TO IT IN ATTACHMENT II TO THE SECRETARY-GENERAL'S LETTER OF 23 DECEMBER 1992

23. OC initiated a review of the Advisory Committee for the Coordination of Information Systems (ACCIS), the Joint United Nations Information Committee (JUNIC), the Ad Hoc Inter-agency Meetings on Outer Space Activities and the Subcommittee on Nutrition (SCN). With regard to ACCIS, OC agreed that a small group of experts, drawn from interested agencies and led by the United Nations, should carry out a more intensive review of the mandates, functioning and structures of both ACCIS and ICC, in view of the interrelated functions of those two bodies, and should submit its findings to OC at its next session.

24. In discussing the ACC Subcommittee on Nutrition, OC emphasized the importance of inter-agency cooperation and collaboration in the field of nutrition, particularly in the light of the Declaration and Plan of Action on Nutrition arising from the International Conference on Nutrition. It was concluded that SCN would not be referred to IACSD for review, but that OC itself would undertake a review at its April session. In the meantime, OC requested SCN, which was due to meet in Geneva from 15 to 19 February 1993, to review its own role and functioning in the light of the letter of the Secretary-General and OC guidelines as outlined in the present report, and to transmit its views to OC in time for its April session.

25. The OC decided that the criteria to be utilized in its review of SCN would also be applied to its review of other subsidiary bodies in category 2 and that where possible those bodies should be encouraged to communicate their views on their role and functioning to the Organizational Committee. OC would pursue the review of those bodies at its next session.

III. PROGRAMME OF WORK OF THE ADMINISTRATIVE COMMITTEE ON COORDINATION AND ITS SUBSIDIARY MACHINERY

A. Preparations for the first regular session of the Administrative Committee on Coordination for 1993

26. OC reviewed the provisional list of items to be placed on the agenda of ACC at its first regular session of 1993, to be held in Rome from 19 to 21 April. It was recalled that at the second regular session of ACC for 1992, the Secretary-General had proposed that the agenda should include: (a) review of the functioning of ACC and its subsidiary machinery; (b) follow-up to the United Nations Conference on Environment and Development (UNCED); and (c) preparations for the fiftieth anniversary of the United Nations.

27. With respect to the review of the functioning of ACC and its subsidiary machinery, the Committee would prepare at its next session a submission for final consideration by ACC, taking into account the further report to be submitted by Mr. Blanchard and drawing on the reviews of subsidiary bodies referred to in paragraphs 16 and 17 above. In the light of ACC decisions on the subject, OC would then finalize the programme of work for ACC and its subsidiary machinery at a meeting to be held immediately following the ACC session, on 22 and 23 April 1993 (see para. 44 below).

28. OC expected the new IACSD to give special attention at its first session to preparing ACC discussions on the follow-up to UNCED. The report of IACSD should be available in advance of the OC session, with a view to facilitating consideration of that item by ACC. In addition, the United Nations would prepare for the OC session an information note on recent developments. It was also recalled that, in accordance with the relevant ACC decision, IACSD remained open to all ACC members and participants interested in specific issues placed on the agenda of its sessions.

29. The Committee was also briefed by the United Nations on preparations for the fiftieth anniversary of the United Nations. The main elements of the brief would be circulated to members of OC as soon as possible. A background paper by the United Nations identifying issues requiring ACC attention would be circulated subsequently before the OC/ACC sessions.

30. At the request of the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO), OC proposed for the consideration of ACC an additional item entitled "Coordination of humanitarian assistance: emergency relief and the continuum to rehabilitation and development". The United Nations Department for Humanitarian Affairs, in full cooperation with interested organizations, would prepare a background paper for the consideration of that item by ACC. The Department would also prepare a background paper for the prior discussion of the item in the new Consultative Committee on Substantive Questions (see paragraph 14 above).

31. With regard to the standing item "Administrative and financial questions", ACC might wish to consider issues arising from the outcome of the forty-seventh session of the General Assembly, including conditions of service of professional and general service staff. Preparations for the above discussions should be undertaken by CCAQ(PER). Furthermore, the attention of CCAQ(PER) should be

drawn to the study of the provisions of the relationship agreements relating to the common system, which had been requested by the Economic and Social Council so that it could prepare for the consideration of the matter by ACC, as required. It was noted that the Joint Inspection Unit (JIU) had offered to undertake a study to assist the Economic and Social Council in its review of the matter at its substantive session of 1993. If JIU were to prepare a report on the subject, ACC comments on it would be required and would need to be finalized by correspondence.

B. Arrangements for the finalization of the annual report of the Administrative Committee on Coordination for 1992

32. Preliminary drafts of some sections of the report, prepared by the United Nations and by the secretariats of CCAQ (PER and FB), were made available to OC. It was agreed that organizations would provide the Chairman with written comments on the draft and that the report would be finalized at the OC meeting to be held after the first regular session of ACC. It was further agreed that, at least in so far as the question of the review of the ACC machinery was concerned, the account of developments in the report should be extended to cover decisions taken at the April 1993 session of ACC.

C. Other matters

1. Preparations for the twenty-seventh series of Joint Meetings of the Committee for Programme and Coordination and the Administrative Committee on Coordination

33. OC agreed with the suggestion made by CPC at its thirty-second session that the subject for consideration at the next series of Joint Meetings of CPC and ACC should be "Follow-up to UNCED". It recalled that the relevant Economic and Social Council decision envisaged that the Joint Meetings would be held in the fall, in conjunction with the fall sessions of ACC.

2. Preparations for the high-level and coordination segments of the Economic and Social Council

34. OC was informed by the United Nations that informal consultations under way indicated that the Economic and Social Council was expected to adopt the following theme for the high-level segment of its substantive session of 1993: "World Summit for Social Development, including the role of the United Nations system in promoting social development". The Council would request a report by the Secretary-General and would invite the relevant organs, organizations and bodies of the United Nations system to contribute to its preparation within their respective areas of competence. The United Nations indicated that member organizations would be contacted in the near future about arrangements for the preparation of the Secretary-General's report.

35. It was noted that, for the coordination segment, the Economic and Social Council was likely to adopt the following themes: (a) "Coordination of humanitarian assistance: emergency relief and the continuum to rehabilitation

and development" and (b) "Coordination of the activities of the United Nations system in the fields of preventive action and intensification of the struggle against malaria and diarrhoeal diseases, in particular cholera". It was envisaged that in the current year the coordination segment would result in agreed conclusions containing specific recommendations on matters related to coordination addressed to the various organizations of the United Nations system. The Secretary-General would be requested to apprise the Economic and Social Council at its 1994 session of the steps taken by the United Nations system to give effect to those recommendations.

36. OC considered that prior consideration of the item on humanitarian assistance by CCSQ and subsequently ACC would facilitate the preparation of the report on the subject. With regard to the theme of the prevention of malaria and diarrhoeal diseases, it was noted that the World Health Organization (WHO) would have the role of task manager in the preparation of the report, in agreement and full cooperation with a steering network of interested organizations, such as the United Nations Children's Fund, the United Nations Development Programme, the United Nations Environment Programme, FAO and the World Bank, which would be expected to provide substantial inputs. The Department for Policy Coordination and Sustainable Development of the United Nations Secretariat would participate fully in order to facilitate the process. Similarly, it was agreed that close collaboration would be arranged for the preparation of the report on humanitarian assistance.

3. Reports of the Joint Inspection Unit: arrangements for the finalization of draft comments on: "United Nations system cooperation with multilateral financial institutions" (JIU/REP/92/1, parts I and II); "Towards an integrated library network of the United Nations system" (JIU/REP/92/5); and "Decentralization of organizations within the United Nations system" (JIU/REP/92/6, parts I and II)

37. Draft ACC comments on JIU/REP/92/1, parts I and II, and JIU/REP/92/5 were made available and members were requested to provide their comments as soon as possible so that the drafts could be finalized for review by OC and submission to the Economic and Social Council at its substantive session of 1993. With respect to the third report (JIU/REP/92/6), the United Nations Secretariat would prepare draft comments, in the light of inputs being sought from organizations.

38. OC also reviewed the work programme of JIU for 1993 and noted that the reasons provided in the work programme document for the studies being proposed were hardly adequate. OC considered that it would be in the interest of all concerned to have enhanced consultations and dialogue with JIU, both in the formulation of the JIU work programme and in the process of report preparation. It was agreed that members would provide the Chairman with their comments on the work programme for 1993, as well as on improvements in procedures. On the basis of those views, the Chairman would communicate with the Chairman of JIU. In the light of developments, the desirability of an informal working level meeting with the Chairman and/or Executive Secretary of JIU might be considered.

4. Matters arising from the reports of ACC subsidiary bodies

39. OC had before it the following reports of subsidiary bodies:

(a) Report of the ACC Task Force on Science and Technology for Development on its thirteenth session (ACC/1992/19);

(b) Report of the Ad hoc Inter-agency Meeting on Outer Space Activities (ACC/1992/28);

(c) Report of the ACC Intersecretariat Group for Water Resources on its thirteenth session (ACC/1992/29 and Corr.1);

(d) Report of the Tenth Inter-agency Meeting on the United Nations Decade of Disabled Persons (ACC/1992/31).

It would revert to those reports at its next session.

5. Procedures for appointments to posts in the subsidiary machinery of the Administrative Committee on Coordination

40. OC agreed to revert to the matter at its forthcoming meetings in April (see para. 13 above).

6. Arrangements for the finalization of the Administrative Committee on Coordination report on programme and resources of the United Nations system

41. OC was informed that a draft of the report prepared by the secretariat of CCAQ(FB) had been circulated to the organizations of the system. OC agreed that inter-agency consultations by the specialists concerned were required to finalize the draft, which should, if feasible, be held in conjunction with the next meeting of CCAQ(FB).

7. Progress report by the United Nations on replies received from agencies on assistance provided to countries affected by the sanctions concerning Iraq, in the context of Article 50 of the Charter of the United Nations

42. A background paper prepared by the United Nations was made available to OC. It was noted that a brief summary containing updated information on the subject would be included in the ACC annual overview report of 1992 pursuant to a request made by CPC at its thirty-second session.

8. Follow-up to forty-seventh session of the General Assembly

43. OC decided to revert to the information note on decisions taken at the forty-seventh session of the General Assembly (ACC/1993/OC/CRP.2), submitted to it by the United Nations at its April meeting, in the context of its preparation of the ACC work programme.

IV. MEETINGS OF THE ORGANIZATIONAL COMMITTEE AND THE ADMINISTRATIVE COMMITTEE ON COORDINATION

44. OC agreed that it would hold its next session in Rome from 5 to 8 April 1993 to prepare for the first regular session of ACC for 1993 and that it would hold a second meeting on 22 and 23 April to follow up on the outcome of the ACC session.

45. Regarding future sessions of ACC, the representative of the International Telecommunication Union (ITU) recalled the ITU invitation to host the first regular session of ACC in 1994. ITU would not, however, be able to host the meeting during the last week of April, due to other commitments. The International Atomic Energy Agency expressed its interest in hosting the first regular session of ACC in 1995.

Annex I

ANNOTATED AGENDA

Item 1. Issues arising from the Secretary-General's letter of 23 December 1992 on the review of the functioning of the ACC machinery

Discussions under this item might cover any outstanding issues relating, inter-alia, to:

(a) Terms of reference and functioning of the new Consultative Committee on Substantive Questions;

(b) Procedures for the implementation of the measures outlined in Attachment II to the Secretary-General's letter, including:

(i) Arrangements for the reviews of ACC subsidiary bodies to be carried out by the Consultative Committee on Substantive Questions and the Inter-agency Committee on Sustainable Development;

(ii) Issues relating to the other categories of subsidiary bodies identified in Attachment II to the Secretary-General's letter.

Item 2. Review by the Organizational Committee of the subsidiary bodies referred to it in Attachment II to the Secretary-General's letter of 23 December 1992

The subsidiary bodies referred to the Organizational Committee include:

(a) Advisory Committee for the Coordination of Information Systems (ACCIS);

(b) Joint United Nations Information Committee (JUNIC);

(c) Ad hoc Inter-agency Meetings on Outer Space Activities.

The terms of reference of the above-mentioned bodies are contained in document ACC/1987/INF/1. With regard to ACCIS, attention is called, inter alia, to Economic and Social Council resolution 1992/60 on the need to harmonize and improve United Nations informatics systems for optimal utilization and accessibility by all States. Secretariat services for JUNIC and the ad hoc Inter-agency Meetings on Outer Space activities are provided, respectively, by the Department of Public Information of the United Nations and the Department of Political Affairs of the United Nations. The secretaries of these two bodies will be available for consultation, as may be required.

Item 3. Programme of work of ACC and its subsidiary machinery

(a) Preparations for the first regular session of ACC for 1993

The first regular session of 1993 of ACC is to be held in Rome, from 19 to 21 April 1993. At the second regular session of ACC for 1992, the Secretary-General proposed that the agenda for the Rome session include the following items:

(i) Review of the functioning of ACC and its subsidiary machinery;

(ii) Follow-up to the United Nations Conference on Environment and Development;

(iii) Preparations for the fiftieth anniversary of the United Nations.

The Organizational Committee may wish to finalize, in the light of the above, its proposals for the ACC Agenda and to review the documentation required for the session.

(b) Arrangements for the finalization of the annual report of ACC for 1992

Draft chapters of the report, in the light of the outline approved by the Organizational Committee at its October session, are being prepared by the United Nations and by the secretariat of CCAQ(PER) and (FB) and will be circulated to the Organizational Committee for preliminary review.

(c) Other matters

The Committee may wish to review developments in relation to the following:

(i) Preparations for the twenty-seventh series of Joint Meetings of CPC and ACC;

(ii) Preparations for the high-level and coordination segments of the Economic and Social Council;

(iii) Reports of the Joint Inspection Unit: arrangements for the finalization of draft ACC comments on:

a. "United Nations system cooperation with multilateral financial institutions" (JIU/REP/92/1, parts I and II);

b. "Towards an integrated library network of the United Nations system" (JIU/REP/92/5);

c. "Decentralization of organizations within the United Nations system" (JIU/REP/92/6, parts I and II).

Comments received from agencies on JIU/REP/92/1 and JIU/REP/92/5 will be circulated at the meeting.

(iv) Matters arising from the reports of ACC subsidiary bodies:

ACC/1992/19 Report of the ACC Task Force on Science and Technology for Development on its thirteenth session (New York, 30 November to 2 December 1992);

ACC/1992/28 Report of the Ad hoc Inter-agency Meeting on Outer Space Activities (UNESCO headquarters, Paris, 5 to 7 October 1992);

ACC/1992/29 and Corr.1 Report of the ACC Intersecretariat Group for Water Resources on its thirteenth session (New York, 7 to 9 October 1992);

ACC/1992/31 Report of the Tenth Inter-agency Meeting on the United Nations Decade of Disabled Persons (Vienna, 7 to 10 December 1992);

(v) Procedures for the appointments to posts in the subsidiary machinery of ACC;

(vi) Arrangements for the finalization of the ACC report on programme and resources of the United Nations system (a draft prepared by the CCAQ(FB) secretariat is being circulated to organizations for comments);

(vii) Progress report by the United Nations on replies received from agencies on assistance provided to countries affected by the sanctions concerning Iraq, in the context of Article 50 of the Charter of the United Nations.

A note by the United Nations on decisions taken at the last session of the General Assembly requiring follow-up at the inter-agency level is being circulated separately.

A draft programme of work for ACC and its subsidiary machinery for 1993, in the light of OC discussions on the above matters and the decision of ACC on the functioning of ACC and its subsidiary machinery, would be prepared for the consideration of OC at its meeting immediately following the first regular session of ACC of 1993.

Annex II

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